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OF
PORTISHEAD**

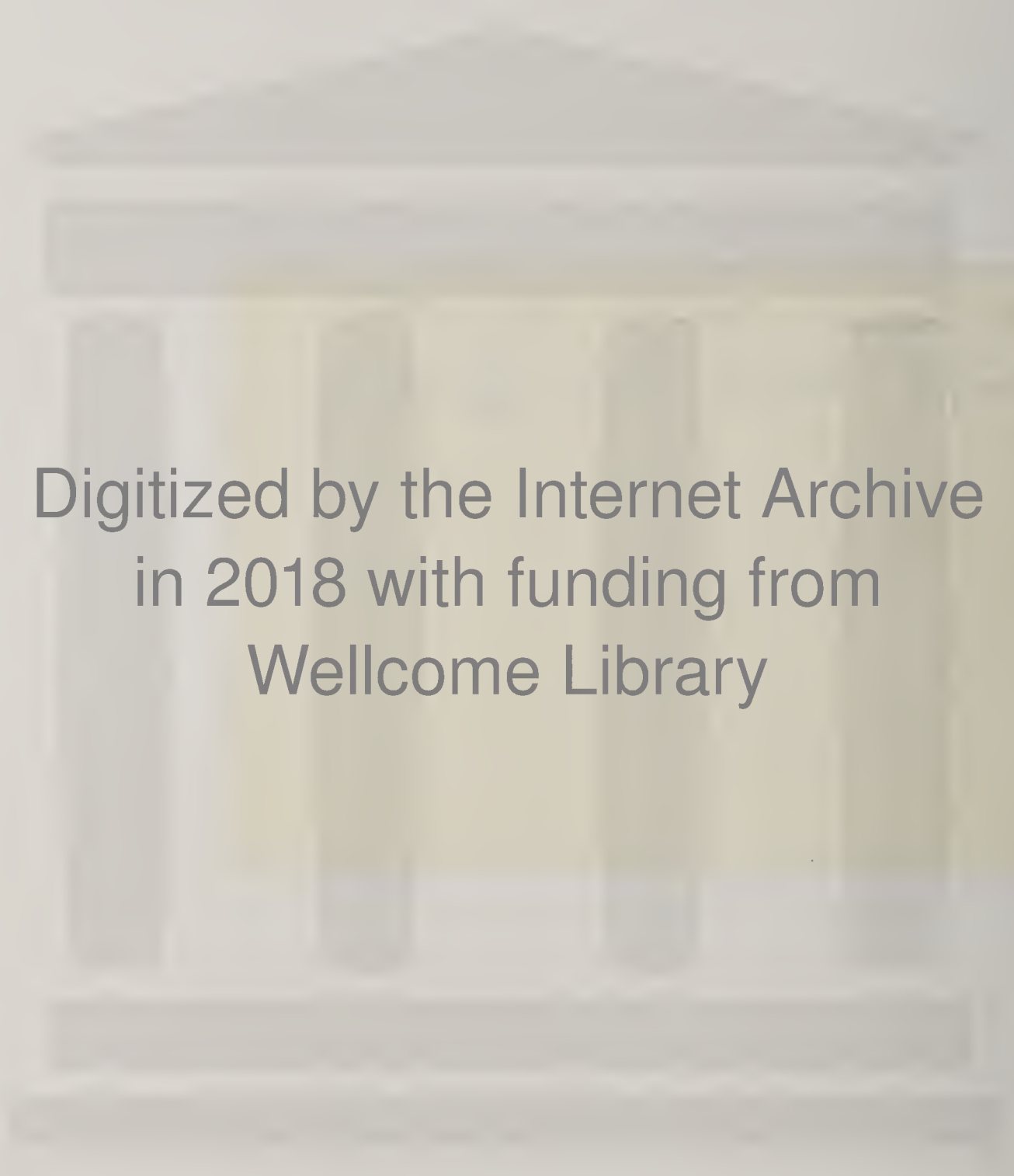
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1967

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HOUSING AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

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OFFICERS

Medical Officer of Health: Dr. Valerie N. Baker, M.B., Ch.B., D.R.C.O.G., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health: Dr. Amy Baird, M.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector: Mr. S. Taylor, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Area Health Office,
2, Marson Road,
Clevedon.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Portishead Urban District Council.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1967.

The Portishead birth rate fell quite sharply this year, having apparently reached a peak in 1966, but still exceeds that of England and Wales. The birth figures relate to occurrences and not registrations, as in previous years.

The death rate is lower, being almost the same as England and Wales. The figures here still relate to registrations of deaths, as in the past and not to occurrences.

There was a further outbreak of dysentery in a residential nursery in Portishead, which is run by another local authority. None of the children were seriously ill, and the outbreak was quickly controlled.

All food premises required to have a hot water supply and wash hand basin, or sink, comply with the regulations. All shops and catering premises have been visited, at least once in the year and the majority of offices, in connection with the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

I wish to record my thanks to Mr. Taylor, other members of the staff and the Councillors, for their cooperation.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

V. N. BAKER

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

STATISTICAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

General Statistics - 1967

Area	1,119 acres
Population (mid year estimate)	7,490
Area comparability factors	Births - 1.10 Deaths - 1.13
Rateable Value, 1st April 1967	£525,226
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£2,152

Vital Statistics for 1967

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population = 17.8
Legitimate	55	68	123	
Illegitimate	5	5	10	
Totals	60	73	133	
<u>Stillbirths</u>	0	0	0	Rate per 1,000 (live and still births) = 0
<u>Deaths</u>	40	35	75	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population = 10.0

Illegitimate live births

Rate per cent of total live births = 7.5

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion - 0

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age

All infants per 1,000 live births (total = 2)	- 15
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births (total = 2)	- 16.3
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births (total = 0)	- 0
Neonatal mortality rate, deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births (total = 1)	- 8
Early neonatal mortality rate, deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births (total = 1)	- 8
Perinatal mortality rate, still births and deaths under one week per 1,000 total live and still births (total = 1)	- 8

Vital Statistics - 1962-67

Live Births

Year	Legitimate		Illegitimate		Total	Rate per 1,000 of the Estimated Resident Population		
	Male	Female	Male	Female		Portishead		England & Wales
						Crude	Adjusted	
1962	79	70	1	5	155	-	23.0	18.0
1963	62	55	3	1	121	17.2	18.9	18.2
1964	60	67	5	1	133	18.7	20.6	18.4
1965	81	61	4	4	150	20.7	22.8	18.1
1966	84	71	11	4	155	21.0	23.1	17.7
1967	55	68	5	5	133	17.8	19.6	17.2

The adjusted birth rate, is the crude rate multiplied by the area comparability factor, which adjusts the age and sex distribution of the population to correspond with those of England and Wales. The same applies to the adjusted death rate.

Stillbirths

Year	Male	Female	Total	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	
				<u>Portishead</u> <u>England & Wales</u>	
1962	0	3	3	19.0	18.1
1963	0	1	1	8.2	17.3
1964	1	0	1	7.5	16.4
1965	1	1	2	13.3	15.7
1966	0	1	1	6.4	15.4
1967	0	0	0	0	14.8

Vital Statistics - 1962-67

Deaths

Year	Male	Female	Total	Rate per 1,000 of the Estimated Resident Population		
				<u>Portishead</u>		<u>England & Wales</u>
				Crude	Adjusted	
1962	35	30	65	-	9.7	11.9
1963	38	39	77	11.2	12.4	12.2
1964	42	33	75	10.5	12.0	11.3
1965	41	34	75	10.3	11.0	11.5
1966	36	46	82	11.1	12.4	11.7
1967	40	35	75	10.0	11.3	11.2

	Death Rate of all infants per 1,000 live births		Death Rate under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 total live births		Death Rate of infants under one week of age & stillbirths per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	
	<u>Portishead</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>	<u>Portishead</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>	<u>Portishead</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
1962	0	21.6	0	15.1	19.0	30.8
1963	24.8	20.9	24.8	14.2	32.8	29.3
1964	7.5	20.0	7.5	13.8	14.9	28.2
1965	0	19.0	0	13.0	13.3	26.9
1966	12.9	19.0	12.9	12.9	12.8	26.3
1967	15.0	18.3	8.0	12.5	8.0	25.4

POPULATION

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated mid-year population</u>	<u>Total increase from previous year</u>	<u>Natural increase</u>	<u>Net Immigration</u>
1962	6,730	-	-	-
1963	7,040	310	44	266
1964	7,130	90	58	32
1965	7,260	130	75	55
1966	7,370	110	73	37
1967	7,490	120	58	62

CAUSES OF DEATH - 1967

		Total	Under	4 weeks	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75+
SEX		all	4	& under									
		Ages	Weeks	1 year									
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Diabetes	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	1
	F	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	5
Coronary disease, angina	M	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	3	2
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Hypertension with heart disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Other heart disease	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Other circulatory disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
Pneumonia	M	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Bronchitis	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	F	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Motor vehicle accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total all causes	M	40	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	7	10	7	13
	F	35	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	8	22

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Scarlet Fever	1	1	5	2	-	-
Whooping cough	-	29	2	-	-	2
Measles	-	54	3	47	-	93
Tuberculosis, respiratory	5	6	1	-	2	-
non-respiratory	-	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	1	-	-	24	24
Acute pneumonia	-	2	-	-	1	1
Erysipelas	-	1	-	-	-	-
Food poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (Section 47) and AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

A woman, suffering from grave chronic disease and unable to care for herself, or receive help from others and living in grossly insanitary conditions, was removed from her home on a magistrate's order. She was admitted to hospital and detained there for necessary treatment. She stayed in hospital for the remainder of the year.

WATER SUPPLY

The quantity of water has been satisfactory throughout the year. Complaints still arise when the supply comes from Chelvey, in the summer months or in periods of drought, due to the hardness of this water. Softening of the Chelvey supply is planned but is not likely to be fully operative before 1968.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The whole of the urban district is sewered apart from a few isolated individual dwellings, and this discharges untreated into the Bristol Channel. Further consideration has been given to the construction of a sewage treatment works, and preliminary discussions have taken place with Long Ashton Rural District Council, to consider a Gordano Valley drainage scheme.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of household refuse continues to operate. Trade refuse is collected at an agreed charge. A new tip has been purchased in the Gordano Valley and was brought into use in 1967.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Type of Property

	<u>Non-Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
Number of properties in district	2,683	6
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	68	2
Number infested by (i) Rats	31	-
(ii) Mice	7	-
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	21	-
Number infested by (i) Rats	9	-
(ii) Mice	4	-

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

There is little change in the pattern of smoke and sulphur dioxide pollution in the area.

There were increased complaints concerning emission of white fumes from Albright and Wilson's phosphorous factory in the latter half of the year. This was due to bringing new and larger furnaces into operation. Regular meetings between Council and factory representatives took place in an attempt to reduce the high and low level emissions of fume to a minimum.

HOUSING

Number of houses demolished or closed -

(a) under section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 (individual unfits) - 8

(b) for other purposes (road improvements etc.) - 3

Number of houses declared unfit under Section 9 of the

Housing Act, 1957 (capable of repair) - 1

Number of houses made fit during year - 14

	Houses erected during year		Houses in course of erection		Gained from conversion of large houses or buildings into flats or dwellings	Lost from conversion of two or more houses to one
	For slum Clearance	For other purposes	For slum Clearance	For other purposes		
Local Authority	-	13	-	2	-	-
Private Enterprise	-	121	-	93	5	4

Number of post-war houses erected from 1st April 1945 to 31st December 1967 -

By local authority - 616 By private enterprise - 793

Local authority housing programme - 1968 - 19 houses

1969 - 38 flats & maisonettes

1970/71 - 16 houses & flats

Number of temporary housing units occupied - (i) Prefabs - nil

(ii) Huts etc. - nil

Number of houses found overcrowded - 9

Houses required:

(i) To replace houses scheduled for demolition - 10

(ii) To abate overcrowding - 9

(iii) For other purposes	-	0
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(iv) Applications for council houses at end of year

(a) Urgent bona fide cases - 4

(b) Applications for Old People's Dwellings - 6

(c) Others - 55

Total applications - 65

(v) Total number of council houses sold during year - 0

No. of permanent dwellings in District as at 31.12.66		Gained from conversions and erected during 1967	Total	Less houses demolished, closed, etc. during year	No. of permanent dwellings in district as at 31.12.67
					L.A. P.E.
Local Authority	762*	13	775	3	772
Private Enterprise	1515	126	1641	12	1629
Totals	2277	139	2416	15	2401

* Includes 106 privately built houses purchased by the Council, 17 in 1967

OLD PEOPLE'S DWELLINGS

Number erected to 31.12.67

With County Council Aid	Without County Council Aid
66	-

Number in course of erection

With County Council Aid	Without County Council Aid
-	-

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

A. Discretionary

Number of applications and houses dealt with by Local Authority during year:

Received

Applications	No. of dwellings
1	2

Approved

Applications	No. of dwellings
1	2

Number of applications approved in respect of owner/occupiers during year - 1

Average cost per dwelling approved during year - £578

Amount of grant payable by local authority - £550

B. Standard

1. Number of applications (a) Received - nil
(b) Approved - nil

2. Number of houses where standard amenities have been provided - nil

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>
(a) Number of single caravans licensed	nil	nil
(b) Number of site licences issued in respect of more than one caravan	1	nil
(c) Estimated maximum number of occupants resident during year	32	nil
(d) Number of sites closed as a result of above Act	nil	nil
(e) Camping sites - number of unlicensed sites in use	nil	nil

FOOD

MILK

- (a) Number of Registered Distributors - 7
- (b) Number of Registered Dairy Premises (other than Dairy Farms) - 7

Notices served under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 - Nil

ICE CREAM

Number of premises registered for:

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) Manufacture
and Retail - Nil | (b) Manufacture
only - nil | (c) Retail
only - 28 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|

FOOD HYGIENE

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations

No prosecutions were instituted. One complaint about a rancid bottle of cream was dealt with to the satisfaction of the customer. Regular routine inspections were carried out when opportunity was taken of talking to staff on hygiene and cleanliness in food handling and storage. A better appreciation of rotation of stock in some stores is needed - refrigeration carelessness is always a likelihood.

Food premises subject to the above Regulations:

- (i) Number of premises - 68
- (ii) Number of premises fitted to comply with Reg.16 - 68
- (iii) Number of premises to which Reg.19 applies - 38
- (iv) Number of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19 - 38

The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations

Action taken during the year - nil

Slaughterhouses Act

No slaughterhouses are owned or leased by the local authority. There are no private slaughterhouses, or bacon factories.

Premises where food is prepared

Number registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (ice-cream, manufactured meat products, etc.) - 8

AGRICULTURAL (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

The five farms in the area comply with the provisions of the Act concerning sanitary conveniences.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Number of premises registered under the Act - 78

Many of the premises have been brought up to the standard required by the Act. Some notices have been served but no prosecutions instituted.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS

There are no animal boarding establishments in Portishead.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

Name of Bath	<u>Water</u>		<u>Treatment</u>		<u>Chlorination</u>	
	Main	Sea Other	Recirculation	Filtration	Automatic	Hand
Battery Point, Lake grounds	Both	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	-
National Nautical School	-	Yes -	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

13 samples were taken from Battery Point Pool, all satisfactory.

Temperature, pH and chlorine residual tests are carried out twice daily at the Battery Point Pool - all records kept.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

1. Part I of the Act

Premises	Number on Register	Number of - Inspections Written Occupiers Notices Prosecuted		
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by L.A's	11	14	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec.7 is enforced by local authority	15	21	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by local authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	15	17	-	-
	41	52	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Number of cases in which defects were found.</u>				No.of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	3	3	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	1	1	-	-	-
	5	5	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork (Sections 133 and 134) - nil

